



The Gas Cap November 2025



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's the fall season and we will be going into the holiday season and by going into **'November'** it will soon be **'Thanksgiving'** and then **'Christmas'**. It's amazing how time flies by but maybe because the club had so many activities starting in **April** we didn't pay attention to the calendar.

The **'October'** General Membership meeting had a great turnout, and the guest speaker was **Tom Dunleavy** whose company is involved in the settlement of insurance claims. He gave a very nice presentation and was extremely informative about the claim and adjustment process.

Every year that I'm President during the **November** General Membership meeting I honor all veterans both current and past. I ask the members to stand up, and I walk around the room and hand the mic to those standing up, so they can speak about their service unit and where they were deployed. If you still fit in your uniform, please wear it. You can invite any family member as well to the meeting who are veterans in the service.

The club is invited to drive veterans in the **Philadelphia Veterans Parade** for the **10th** year on **Sunday November 9th**. I currently have **8** Corvettes on my list but if you are interested in driving in the parade call me. I will again drive the **Grand Marshall**, which I am honored to do so. The parade will be televised on **ABC** at **12:30 pm**.

The **November** General Membership will be at the **Warminster VFW** on the **18th** starting at **7:00 pm**.

Have a great **'Thanksgiving'** with your family and friends.

I wish you and your families the best

Ed



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CCDV BOARD ELECTIONS

2026 CCDV Elections November 19th meeting: Who's running?

Ed Bonk has committed to run for the position of CCDV President and submitted his slate of officers for 2026 as follows: **President:** Ed Bonk **Vice President:** Tom Weigand; **Corporate Secretary:** Dennis Traves **Recording Secretary:** Candy Merlino **Treasurer:** Jeff Kauf. As announced at last month's meeting, this will be Ed's last year to run for the office of President. We thank him for his dedication to the club.

The following 8 CCDV members have submitted their names to be placed on the ballot for the eight (8) Board Member positions which come up to be voted on each year.

John Benischeck	Jacques Etkowicz	Tim Simmons	Bruce Harris
Stan Fisher	Rose Ferrante	Angelo Grippo	Jim Pauley

Nomination for **board positions** can still be taken from the floor on the night of the election. Absentee ballots will NOT be available.

Thank you for supporting the club and for exercising your right to choose the people to represent and work for you in this great club of ours!

The nominating committee would also like to extend an invitation to any CCDV member in good standing that would consider working with the CECF as a part of their board to advance the charitable works of the CECF...please reach out to either Candy Merlino or me.

Sincerely,

Nominating committee members

Rose Ferrante & Candy Merlino



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Total Members to date – 290
Welcome New Members!



Chuck Henderson

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

CCDV DEFINITIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS (as of 2025)

1. ANNUAL EVENTS

- a. **CAVALCADE OF CORVETTES:** This is the club's biggest one day event and is most definitely our most prestigious event. The show has been held in June and now September, and is currently the largest fund raiser the club conducts. The show averages 150 Corvettes in which multiple Corvette clubs in the area enter their cars. The show attracts hundred plus Corvettes and it is the longest running Corvette show in the United States and the largest in our area. This event requires a large number of volunteers to make this how a success. Currently it is held at the Middle Bucks Vocational Tech School (MBIT) on York Rd in Jamison. There is judging for trophies, fun activities for the kids, charity auction, food sales, and vendors.
 - b. **PICNIC:** The Picnic date and place varies – but it is an opportunity for members to have fun and really get to know one another.
 - c. **HOLIDAY PARTY:** The Holiday party is usually the first or second weekend in December and the venue varies. At one time the party was geared for Adults and Children, but lately has been focused on being a dressed up event for Adults.
2. **BOARD OF CCDV:** Consists of five Officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, and Recording Secretary) and eight Board members are elected every November. There are additional member positions which include the Chairman of the Board (the previous President), 4 chairpersons (Technical, Activity, Membership, Gas Cap Editor) are appointed by the President. These positions come with voting rights, are open to any club member in good standing and require attendance to a monthly meeting.
 3. **BRYNER CHEVROLET:** This is the dealership that has sponsored our club since 1970 and is located in Jenkintown, PA
 4. **CORVETTE RAFFLE:** The club used to hold a Corvette car raffle every year with the proceeds going to the various charities the club supports. The primary charities have been the Sunshine Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes but there have been others over the years. This function is overseen by the charitable arm of CCDV known as CECF (Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation) and has 3-5 members/board members, which are voted on by the CCDV Board of directors.
 5. **CECF:** The Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF) is a charitable organization that grew out of and operates under the wing of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley and was founded in 1994. For decades CCDV has been committed to charitable work and helping our community. Since 1971 CCDV has been holding the Cavalcade of Corvettes and the donating partial proceeds to the Sunshine Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and various other charities. Over the years, as the club grew, so did these charitable donations. In an effort to facilitate the clubs charitable work CECF was formed in 1994 as a 501c3 operating Charity. CECF then decided to raffle off a Corvette for charity as their main annual fund raising event. Additionally, as a 501c3 charity, all contributions to CECF are eligible as a tax deduction to the donor. Since that time until 2018, CECF has raffled off a Corvette every year and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to various charities and to those in need in our community. Also, CECF began a scholarship program to help worthy students that meet our established

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criteria to further their education. More information can be obtained by viewing CCF's website at cecfcharities.com.

6. **CORVETTES AT CARLISLE:** This is an event not sponsored by the club but is the largest Corvette show in America. It is held in Carlisle, PA the last weekend in August and lasts 3 days. There is an average of 7000 Corvettes on the Fairgrounds. Up until recently, our club had a volunteer setup a hospitality tent so that you could relax and chat with others throughout the day/weekend. If interested in being this volunteer, please contact a CCDV board member.
7. **CRUISE NIGHT:** This is held on the 3d Saturday of the month from April through September. All types of cars are on display, and the current location is the Shoppes at Valley Square 501 Main St, Warrington, PA from 5pm – Dusk. There is music, food & drinks for sale, 50/50 raffle and trophies awarded.
8. **GAS CAP:** The Gas Cap has been the Club's monthly newsletter since the Club started in 1958. It used to be mailed out but now it is sent out electronically, and is one of the main sources of information concerning club activities, names of board members, advertising, and other information we hope you find helpful and interesting.
9. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** This is the club's monthly meeting which is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month except in December. The meeting location is the VFW Post, Louis Dr, Warminster, PA. The start time is 7:00pm. All members (and spouses) are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie that goes on with other members. At some meetings there is a guest speaker – usually (but not always) related to auto/Corvette topics.
10. **INTERNET WEBSITE:** www.ccdv.com
11. **OTHER EVENTS:** These events are usually scheduled by the Activity Chairperson or anyone interested in organizing an event, throughout the year. Events such as participating in local parades, attending other car shows as a group, day trips, weekend getaways, etc. Some examples of events are as follows:
 - a. Covered Bridge Tour – last summer/fall caravan through Bucks County or Lancaster area – making sure to go through many Covered bridges.
 - b. Poker Run – a planned route where you receive a playing card at various stops... best hand wins! (Sometimes run in conjunction with the covered bridge tour)
 - c. Roving Breakfast/Dinner – New venue is picked each month from local diners to various restaurants. Suggestions are always welcome. Any member can come up with an idea for an event and bring it forward to the Activity Chairperson. If an event requires a cost that would be expensed by the club, it would have to be approved by the Board of Directors.

CCDV Name Tags

Please contact **Candy Merlino** – cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com

New Members – get your name tags.

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Regular CCDV Plate - \$38.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$166.00

CCDV 2026 Wall Calendar



**2026 Calendars will be available for purchase at the
November General Membership meeting.**

CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for Breakfast!

Saturday, November 8, 2025

At 10:00 AM

Franconia Heritage Restaurant

508 Harleysville Pike

Telford, PA 18969

Rain or Shine

RSVP by 12 Noon on 11/07/25 to
Johnny (Bacon) Benischeck at (215) 208-6620

OR

Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

A big thank you and a "Tip O' The Hat" to **Fran & Barry Hunsicker**
for recommending this eatery!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for DINNER!

Sunday, November 16, 2025

At 6:00 PM

Scoogis Italian Kitchen & Bar

738 Bethlehem Pike

Flourtown, PA 19031

Rain or Shine

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HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Corvette Trivia

What special small block performance package was released for the 1970 model year?

See the last page of the GC for the answer
Acknowledgement to Hobby Car Corvette

First name	Last name	Date
Edward	Johnson	1
Bill	Ratzke	5
Kevin	Allen	7
Gene	Reavis Jr	7
Catherine	Roton	8
Paul	McMullin	12
Jean	Dautel	13
Barry	Hunsicker	14
Maureen	Wurst	14
Helena	Kozak	15
Gregory	Durphy	16
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Louis	Auslander	26
Steve	Baker	26
Richard	Wise	26
Evelyn	Hamilton	27

MY CORVETTE STORY

Do you have a Corvette story to tell? Don't be bashful! We've all got a favorite story about our corvettes and how we came to the hobby and enjoyment of America's sports car. Submit your story today and I'll gladly put it in the Gas Cap! It's your newsletter and your story!

Evan Stone – GC Editor



NEWSWORTHY

If you are not a member of the NCM, consider joining and supporting the mission of the museum. If you love to travel, plan a visit today! If you have questions, our very own NCM CCDV Club Ambassador, **Jack DeLong**, will gladly answer your questions at any of our general membership meetings.

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NEWSWORTHY CCDV Holiday Party!

2025 CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

6 pm to 10 pm

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It's that time again to start thinking of the Holiday Party.
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Sauce. Warmed Apple Turnover Dessert with French Vanilla Ice Cream



Hors D'oeuvres 6 pm - 7 pm
Sit-Down Dinner 7 pm - 8 pm
Rose & Dor's Trivia Game 8 pm - 8:30 pm
Dancing 8:30 - 10 pm
CASH BAR

We are limited to 70 people, so reserve your spot early!

Payment Due by November 19, 2025

Mail checks payable to CCDV to:

John Benischeck - 15104 Dahlia Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19116

- Chicken Marsala - \$37.00
- North Atlantic Salmon - \$45.00
- Roasted New York Sirloin - \$50.00

Name _____ Entrée Choice _____

Name _____ Entre Choice _____

Payment Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If you have any questions, contact John Benischeck at 215-208-6620. Payments may also be handed in at our monthly membership meetings.

NEWSWORTHY CLUB PICNIC - SUNDAY 10/12/25





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NEWSWORTHY Hatboro Christmas Parade

The Hatboro Christmas Parade is looking for 12 cars from our club to take part in their 65th annual parade on Sunday November 23rd. We will meet at the Acme on corner of West Moreland Avenue and Blair Mill Road promptly at 1pm and then caravan to the staging location on York Rd. The parade will start at 2pm. No need to bring candy and cars can be decorated for Christmas if desired.

Please contact **Denny Matlack** if you are interested in attending - his number is
215-514-4228



NEWSWORTHY

The VFW will be providing food services for our monthly meetings from 5:30 to 8PM. Wahoo is very open to input on menu items so if you have any ideas, please send them to info@CCDV.com. This is VFW's first attempt in recent memory to provide a full food service to CCDV members. Your support for this effort will go a long way in ensuring its success and possible future expansion for the Post.



CCDV CLUB EVENTS & HISTORY

LOOKING FOR CLUB EVENTS?

Check out the CCDV Club Calendar on the Club's website here:

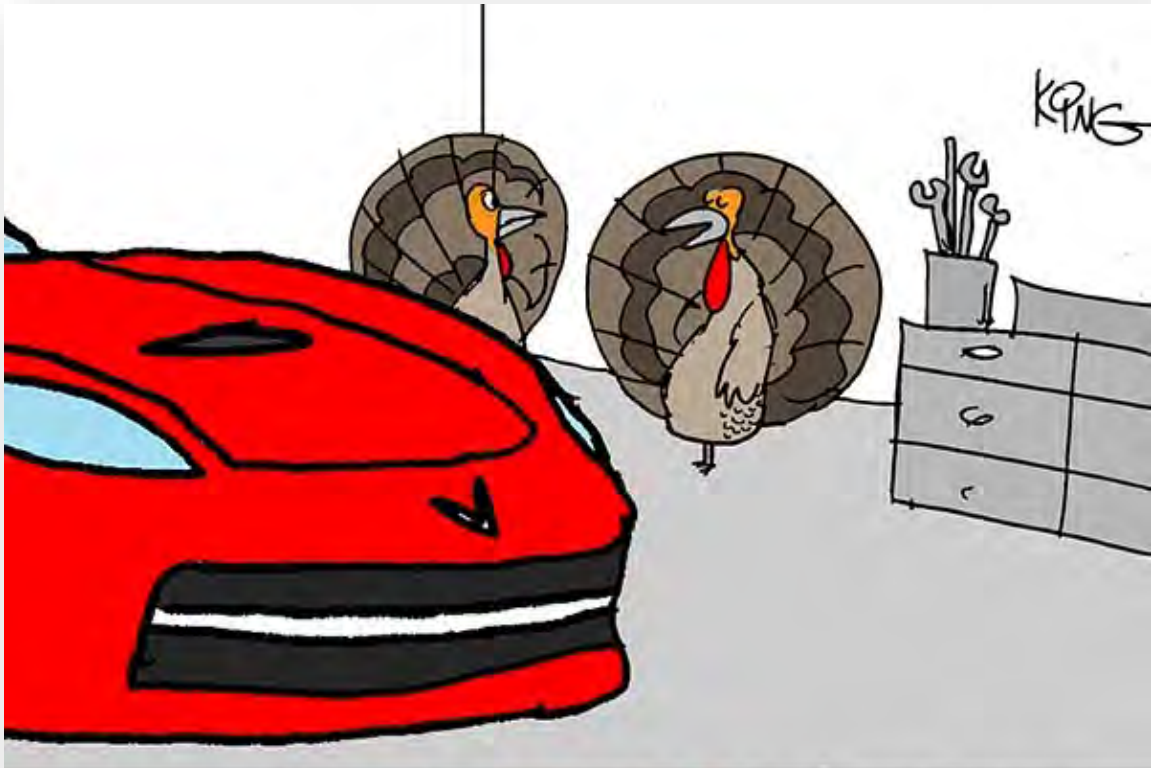
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"To keep from being the Thanksgiving dinner, I learned to be an awesome Corvette mechanic. Who says self preservation can't be fun."

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CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE

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#2 - Wanted - Fabric, zippers, batting and sewing notions in good condition. Calling sewers/quilters/crafters - to go through your stash and pass along items you no longer have/plan to use - for projects like zippered pencil cases, backpacks, and tote bags, as well as softies (think small stuffed animals) - to be donated for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Contact **Candy Merlino** @ either cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com or 215-779-9454 if you have any questions/items to donate.

The **club** is looking for **Gas Cap Newsletters from the 1990s, 1980s, 1970s, & 1960s**

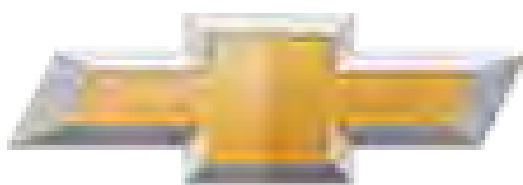
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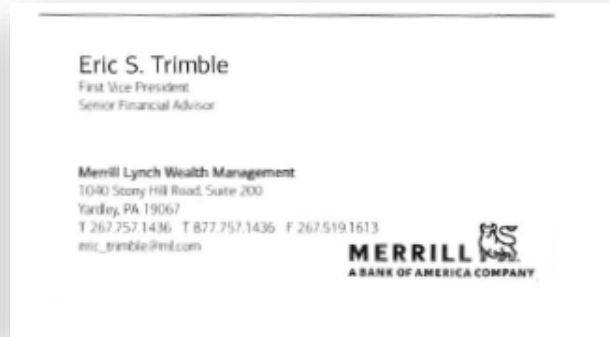
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Corvette Trivia Answer:

1970 saw the introduction of the **LT-1 package**. The high-performance LT-1 motor was complimented by transistorized ignition, a special big-block style hood, 2 ½ inch exhaust, a higher-revving tach, aluminum intake, Holley carburetor, and more extras. The 454 big block engine option was released this year as well and included special extra features. The last years for the LT-1 and 454 options were 1972 and 1974, respectively.